

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, MPOL, SOPN, GW, CG, US  
SUBJECT: OTRAG

REFERENCE: BONN 09067

1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS REVIEWING ITS POLICY OF NO CONTACTS WITH OTRAG.
2. THE FOREIGN OFFICE PLANNING STAFF HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE DISCARD ITS PRESENT POLICY OF REFRAINING FROM OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH OTRAG. THE PLANNERS ARGUE THAT THE POLICY HAS PREVENTED THE  
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FOREIGN OFFICE FROM WORKING EFFECTIVELY TO END THE CURTAIN OF SECRECY SURROUNDING OTRAG'S ACTIVITIES. THIS, THEY BELIEVE, HAS ENHANCED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE FIRM'S SHABA OPERATIONS. HERETOFORE, FOREIGN OFFICE OPINION HAS GENERALLY BEEN THAT ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH OTRAG MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED AS OFFICIAL SANCTION

FOR ITS ACTIVITIES.

3. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE PLANNING STAFF REVIEW OF  
FOREIGN OFFICE POLICY ON OTRAG STEMS FROM CONCERN  
EXPRESSED BY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT THAT HE WILL RUN INTO  
HEAVY CRITICISM OF THE FIRM'S OPERATION DURING HIS  
PRESENT VISIT TO AFRICA.  
STOESSEL

NOTE BY OC/T: DISSEMINATION COORDINATED WITH S/S-O, MCCALLIE.

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